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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No. 10/615,784	Applicant(s) KIMURA ET AL.	
	Examiner David W. Scheuermann	Art Unit 2834	

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THE REPLY FILED 17 November 2005 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
- (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
- (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
- The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
- Claim(s) allowed: _____.
- Claim(s) objected to: _____.
- Claim(s) rejected: _____.
- Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See advisory continuation.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
13. ☐ Other: _____.

Advisory Continuation

The word "bobbin" as defined in the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate ® Dictionary, 10th ed., bobbin can be a coil of insulated wire. Note that Igarashi, JP 06233483 shows a coil of insulated wire 15 around each tooth. Furthermore each coil has two terminals (wire leads). Since each lead is associated with a specific bobbin each bobbin includes a "bobbin terminal". Additionally each bobbin includes a bobbin terminal for connecting opposite ends of the phase coil as each bobbin has two terminals and the terminals are inherently connected to one another via the bobbin coil itself. The examiner disagrees that "bobbin terminal" is not broad enough to read on the ends of the coil winding themselves, as per the dictionary definition and remarks set forth supra. Additionally, even with a more narrow interpretation of the word "bobbin" limited to a inner structure around which a coil is wound, since a terminal is associated the end of a wire or coil leads and the coil leads are associated with a bobbin (being formed thereto), the term "bobbin terminal" would accurately identify the ends of the coil wire associated with a particular bobbin. It is inherent that each end of the bobbin terminal be connected else current would not flow. The "second contact portion" is the portion of the bobbin terminal which mates with either connection 35 of the stator housing, one of the holes in plate 25, hole 38 or another portion of bobbin terminals 15a and 15b. The leads, bobbin terminals 15a and 15b are sufficiently long enough to have any number of "contact portions". Thus, Igarashi, JP 06233483 shows all the limitations *inter alia* 1) that each stator coil include a bobbin fitted to one of the teeth and a phase coil wound around the

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bobbin (the bobbin would be the inner portion of the bobbin nearest the tooth body, while the phase coil would be the portion wound around the inner portion), 2) that each bobbin include a bobbin terminal for connecting opposite ends of the phase coil (the end of the wire leads, bobbin terminals 15a and 15b), and 3) that the bobbin terminal have a second contact portion in contact with the first contact portion of the stator terminal (Igarashi, JP 06233483 can show this limitation in more that one way, the second contact portion can be that portion of the wire which mates with contact 35, in this case contact 35 would be the first contact portion of the stator terminal portion or the second contact portion could be contact 35, itself, with the first contact portion of the stator terminal being that contact which inherently connects with terminal hole 38.)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David W. Scheuermann whose telephone number is (571) 272-2035. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached at (571) 272-2044. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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